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Memorandum

TO: Air Quality Conformity Task Force

DATE: June 25, 2013

FR: Stefanie Hom

W.I.:

RE: Updated Proposed Final Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Plan Bay Area and the 2013 Transportation Improvement Program

MTC staff is requesting the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's review of the Proposed Final Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Plan Bay Area and the 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Attached is the Proposed Final Transportation Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Plan Bay Area and the 2013 TIP. This memo summarizes minor changes to the Draft Conformity report that was released in March and presented to this Task Force.

Public Comments

The Draft Conformity Analysis for Plan Bay Area and the 2013 TIP was released for a 30-day public review starting on March 29, 2013 and ending on May 3, 2013. Within this time, MTC held nine public hearings (one in each Bay Area county) to receive comments on the Draft Plan Bay Area, Draft Plan Bay Area Environmental Impact Report, Draft 2013 Transportation Improvement Program, and the Draft Conformity Analysis.

MTC received one comment on the Draft Conformity Analysis during the comment period. However, upon review, this comment was not related to the Draft Conformity Analysis and will be addressed as part of the Plan Bay Area Environmental Impact Report comment process.

Adjustments to Draft Conformity Report

For more information on the adjustments to the Draft Conformity Analysis, please see the memo from Harold Brazil dated June 25, 2013.

EPA Approved Version of EMFAC2011

The Draft Conformity Analysis report used results from the original version of EMFAC2011 SG. The EPA-approved version of EMFAC2011 included minor changes to gas-powered non-passenger vehicle types in Santa Clara County. These changes result in slightly lower emissions primarily for the ozone precursors. The Final Air Quality Conformity Analysis will include these revised emission inventories. The revisions do not impact the conformity findings.

Housing and Jobs Distribution

ABAG has made minor modifications have been made to the housing and employment distributions in the Draft Plan Bay Area ("Draft Plan"). Specifically, the modifications reflect: (1) corrections to datasets that were used to develop the jobs and housing distributions in the Draft Plan; (2) adjustments to ensure consistency with Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA); and (3) adjustments to local jurisdictions growth based on corrections to how the distribution methodology was applied. The changes are minor and do not impact any of the regional significance findings in the Draft Environmental Impact Report, nor do they impact the Air Quality Conformity findings. The attached memo from Harold Brazil, dated June 25, 2013, identifies all minor changes to the emissions totals for the Air Quality Conformity report. The attached memo also includes material from ABAG explaining the housing and employment distribution modifications in greater detail.

Next Steps

MTC staff will present the Proposed Final Conformity Analysis to the MTC Planning Committee for review and approval on July 12, 2013 and to the full Commission for final action on July, 18, 2013.

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